

PARAEDUCATOR TO TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When will the Paraeducator to Teacher Scholarship be available?

A: The program is in effect for the 2009-2010 school year.

Q: Who may apply for this scholarship?

A: A Paraeducator who delivers instruction under the direct supervision of a teacher AND works at least 10 hours per week in an area where there is a shortage of qualified teachers, such as special education, Title I, English as a second language, reading remediation, math or science may apply.

Q: How may I apply for a scholarship?

A: Complete the scholarship application form and submit it to your building principal or charter school director.

Q: What is the deadline for applications?

A: Scholarship applications must be submitted to paraeducators' principal or charter school director no later than June 20, 2009. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND APPLICATIONS DIRECTLY TO USOE.**

Q: How much will the scholarship pay for?

A: A state committee determines the amount of the individual scholarships. The scholarships awarded for the 2008-09 school year were \$1,470.00 each and the 2009-2010 awards have not yet been determined.

Q: What can the scholarship be used for?

A: It is to be used for actual costs of tuition and fees toward an associate's or bachelor's degree.

Q: How will I know if I have received the scholarship?

A: Recipients will be notified by mail after August 1, 2009.

Q: What if I am a part-time employee? Do I still qualify for the scholarship?

A: The applicant must be employed a minimum of ten hours per week at the time of application and during the 2009-2010 school year.

Q: Do I have to already be taking classes at a college or university?

A: The scholarship is intended for paraeducators who **either have been admitted or made application** to a Utah institution of higher education.

Q: Whom should I call if I have additional questions:

A: Call or e-mail Barbara Bickmore at USOE with additional questions. (801) 538-7737, e-mail barbara.bickmore@schools.utah.gov .

SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE

- Completed applications with original transcripts attached to principal/charter school director no later than **June 20, 2009**.
- Principal submits all signed applications to superintendent/charter school director on or before **June 30, 2009**.
- Superintendent/charter school director submits ranked applications to USOE on or before **July 10, 2009**
- Recipients will be notified by mail after **August 10, 2009**.

PARAEDUCATOR TO TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

☐ NEW REQUEST ☐ PRIOR RECIPIENT

SCHOOL YEAR 2009-2010

DISTRICT/CHARTER:		SCHOOL:	
Name:			
Address:			
City:		State:	ZIP Code:
Phone:	Other:	E-mail:	
CURRENT PARAEDUCATOR ASSIGNMENT			
What is your current assignment?			
Special Ed: Y / N	Title I: Y / N	ESL: Y / N	Other:
How many hours per week do you work:			
EDUCATION STATUS			
Name of UTAH college/university to which you have been admitted or applied:			
PLEASE CHECK THE BOX THAT DESCRIBES YOUR CURRENT ENROLLMENT STATUS IN A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY			
<input type="checkbox"/> Submitted application <input type="checkbox"/> Have been admitted <input type="checkbox"/> Currently enrolled & attending (attach original transcripts)			
Number of credit hours completed:			<input type="text"/>
Highest level of previous college experience:	<input type="checkbox"/> none <input type="checkbox"/> associates degree <input type="checkbox"/> 2 years or less <input type="checkbox"/> more than 2 years	When do you anticipate completing your degree?	
List other funding (i.e., scholarships, grants, federal aid) you are or will be receiving:			
List amount of predicted tuition expenses for the 2009-2010 school year:			
What are your general duties as a paraeducator?			
Describe your future professional goals:			
Additional comments:			
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:		DATE:	
FORWARD TO PRINCIPAL FOR RECOMMENDATION AND SUBMISSION TO SUPERINTENDENT			
PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS (Confirming employment for School Year 2009-2010):			
PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE:		DATE:	
<p style="text-align: center;">* * * IMPORTANT INFORMATION * * *</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Applications due to principal on or before June 10, 2009</i></p> <p>Principal submits all signed applications to superintendent/charter school director on or before June 15, 2009 Superintendent/charter school director submits ranked applications to USOE on or before June 26, 2009</p> <p style="text-align: center;">USOE CONTACT: Barbara Bickmore, Educator Quality & Licensing, (801) 538-7737 e-mail: barbara.bickmore@schools.utah.gov</p>			